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helping people  
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themselves"*

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To: Consumers, providers and stakeholders who support individuals with disabilities  
From: The Division of Disability and Rehabilitation Services  
**Re: VRS Rate Change Implementation**  
Date: April 14, 2010

The priority of the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS), a program of the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS), is to support the health and welfare of individuals with disabilities in Indiana. Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS), a program of BRS, provides quality, individualized services to enhance and support people with disabilities to prepare for, obtain or retain employment.

Due to the current state of the economy, all state agencies are reviewing internal and external expenditures to determine potential cost savings, including contracts, administrative costs and service fees.

Despite numerous internal changes, VRS is unable to close the existing budget gap without including client services. In addition to other cost-saving measures, beginning on May 1, 2010, VRS will implement rate reductions to all client services offered through employment vendors.

The services affected include:

- Tier 1 and Tier 2 Result Based Funding (RBF) milestones will be reduced by 10%.
- Hourly supported employment, job placement and community based work evaluations rates will be reduced by 10%.
- Work experience rates and the work experience development fees will no longer be purchased.

VRS will proactively continue to evaluate client service rates as our state's economy changes.

**Additional Resources:**

- **DDRS Website:** [www.DDRS.IN.gov](http://www.DDRS.IN.gov)
- **DDRS Bulletin Archive:** <http://www.IN.gov/fssa/ddrs/3350.htm>
- **VRS Website:** [www.VRS.IN.gov](http://www.VRS.IN.gov)
- **Help Line by Phone:** 1-800-545-7763

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